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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application or previous response to office action:

138. **(Currently Amended)** An aqueous solution substantially free of precipitates or particles comprising:

- (i) a first material selected from the group consisting of an aqueous soluble bile acid salt, a bile acid conjugated with an amine by an amide linkage, and combinations thereof;
- (ii) a second material selected from the group consisting of an aqueous soluble starch conversion product, an aqueous soluble non-starch polysaccharide, and combinations thereof; and
- (iii) water,

wherein the first and second materials both remain in solution for all pH values obtainable in an aqueous system.

139. **(Currently Amended)** The solution of Claim 138, wherein the solution is selected ~~form~~from the group consisting of a syrup and a thick syrup.

140. **(Previously Presented)** The solution of Claim 138, wherein the bile acid portion of said first material is selected from the group consisting of ursodeoxycholic acid, chenodeoxycholic acid, cholic acid, hyodeoxycholic acid, deoxycholic acid, 7-oxolithocholic acid, lithocholic acid, iododeoxycholic acid, iocholic acid, tauroursodeoxycholic acid, taurochenodeoxycholic acid, taurodeoxycholic acid, glycoursoxycholic acid, taurocholic acid, and glycocholic acid.

141. **(Previously Presented)** The solution of Claim 138, wherein the second material is selected from the group consisting of maltodextrin, dextrin, corn syrup, corn syrup solid, soluble starch, and dextrans.